

for this high office? Did you drop a line to *A. H. Shufford*?<sup>159</sup> He is active, noisy and can do more for others than for himself. My whole Household salute you.

*William W. Holden to John W. Ellis.*

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Raleigh, June 16, 1852.

I found your kind and interesting letter among others on my return from Baltimore. I am obliged to you for the list of Subscribers sent. I have forwarded the papers, and herewith enclose your recpts in each case.

We had a stormy time and a glorious issue at Baltimore. It would be impossible, in the limits of a letter, to give you any idea of the scenes. They were worthy, in every respect of the "unterrified and unconquerable Democracy." Our Delegation went first, of course, for Buchanan,<sup>160</sup> and afterwards Dick,<sup>161</sup> Caldwell,<sup>162</sup> Wheeler,<sup>163</sup> McRae,<sup>164</sup> and myself did all we could for Douglas,<sup>165</sup> aided in a way by Saunders<sup>166</sup> and Dobbin;<sup>167</sup> but we found the combinations too strong for the present against the "little Giant." Venable<sup>168</sup> made himself conspicuous in our Delegation by his opposition to Douglas—he poisoned the minds of several of our friends, by his one-sided statements, against him. But the "*new man*" only awaits the current of four years—as that presses into an ebbtide he will roll in on the flood. Pierce's<sup>169</sup> location is the best possible on that account

<sup>159</sup>Andrew H. Shuford.

<sup>160</sup>James Buchanan.

<sup>161</sup>Robert P. Dick (1823-1898), graduate of the University of North Carolina, 1843; admitted to the bar, 1845; delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, 1852; U.S. District Attorney, 1853-1861; Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, 1868-1872; Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, 1872-1898. *Charlotte Observer*, September 14, 1898.

<sup>162</sup>Green W. Caldwell.

<sup>163</sup>John H. Wheeler.

<sup>164</sup>Duncan R. McRae.

<sup>165</sup>Stephen A. Douglas.

<sup>166</sup>Romulus M. Saunders.

<sup>167</sup>James C. Dobbin.

<sup>168</sup>Abraham W. Venable (1799-1876), admitted to the bar, 1821; member of Congress, 1847-1853; delegate to the Provisional Confederate Congress, 1861; member of the Confederate Congress, 1862-1864. *Biographical Directory of Congress*, 1,753.

<sup>169</sup>Franklin Pierce (1804-1869), President of the United States, 1853-1857. *Biographical Directory of Congress*, 1,457.